



## National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information National Adoption Information Clearinghouse



*Gateways to Information: Protecting Children and Strengthening Families*

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# Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

The following organizations are among many that provide information on resources for preventing child abuse and neglect. Inclusion on this list is for information purposes and does not constitute an endorsement by the Clearinghouse or the Children's Bureau.

### **AVANCE, Inc. (AVANCE)**

National Headquarters  
301 South Frio St., Suite 380  
San Antonio, TX, 78207  
Phone: (210) 270-4630  
Fax: (210) 270-4612  
URL: <http://www.avance.org>

AVANCE's mission is to provide support and education services that will strengthen low-income families. AVANCE's focus is on community-based intervention that is family-centered, preventive, comprehensive, and continuous through the integration and collaboration of services. The AVANCE Family Support and Education Program is an example of one of AVANCE's programs: Targeted primarily at Hispanic at-risk parents with young children, the program aims to strengthen parent-child relationships and the parental role of advocate for the child. To find local contact information, please see the drop-down box, "Our Chapters," on the homepage of the Website.

### **American Humane Association (AHA)**

Child Welfare Division  
63 Inverness Dr. East  
Englewood, CO, 80112-5117  
Phone: (303) 792-9900  
Phone: (703) 294-6690  
Fax: (303) 792-5333  
Toll-Free: (800) 227-4645  
Email: [children@americanhumane.org](mailto:children@americanhumane.org)  
URL: <http://www.americanhumane.org>

The American Humane Association's mission is preventing cruelty, abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children and animals. AHA's Child Welfare Division has worked for many years to improve the public and private child welfare systems so they can respond more effectively to the needs of abused and neglected children. AHA is a national association of child protection programs, agencies, and individuals, and its membership includes State and local social service agencies, child advocates, courts, hospitals, schools, mental health professionals, and concerned citizens in every State. AHA information assists professionals and citizens in making informed decisions about how to help children and families in crisis. The association also develops resources and programs which help communities and citizens prevent child abuse.

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### **National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information**

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The Children's Bureau  
Administration for Children and Families  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



**American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)**

National Office  
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CHO 3B-3406  
Oklahoma City, OK, 73190  
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Fax: (405) 271-2931  
Email: [tricia-williams@ouhsc.edu](mailto:tricia-williams@ouhsc.edu)  
URL: <http://www.apsac.org>

The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children addresses all facets of the professional response to child maltreatment: prevention, assessment, intervention, and treatment. APSAC membership reflects all of the major disciplines that respond to child maltreatment, including mental health, medicine, child protective services, and law enforcement. APSAC publications and training cover all aspects of child maltreatment, including emotional and other types of neglect and physical and sexual abuse.

**Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. (AJLI)**

132 West 31st Street  
11th Floor  
New York, NY, 10001-3406  
Phone: (212) 951-8300  
Fax: (212) 481-7196  
Email: [info@ajli.org](mailto:info@ajli.org)  
URL: <http://www.ajli.org>

The Association of Junior Leagues International is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The AJLI offers programs in many areas including youth services, family support services, and child welfare (adoption, child abuse and neglect, foster care, domestic violence, and permanency planning).

**Boys and Girls Clubs of America**

National Headquarters  
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Atlanta, GA, 30309  
Phone: (404) 487-5700  
Email: [info@bgca.org](mailto:info@bgca.org)  
URL: <http://www.bgca.org>

The Boys and Girls Clubs of America seeks to inspire and enable young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. Clubs provide specialized services and programs focusing on social issues such as family support, gang prevention, and personal safety as well as prevention programs aimed at substance abuse and premature sexual activity.

**Center for Effective Discipline (CED)**

155 West Main Street  
Suite 1603  
Columbus, OH, 43215  
Phone: (614) 221-8829  
Fax: (614) 221-2110  
Email: [info@stophitting.org](mailto:info@stophitting.org)  
URL: <http://www.stophitting.org>

The Center for Effective Discipline provides educational information to the public on the effects of corporal punishment of children and alternatives to its use. CED is the headquarters for and the coordinator of both the National Coalition to Abolish Corporal Punishment in Schools (NCACPS) and End Physical Punishment of Children (EPOCH-USA).

**Chadwick Center for Children and Families**

3020 Children's Way  
MC 5016  
San Diego, CA, 92123  
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Phone: (858) 576-1700, x 4972  
Fax: (858) 966-8018  
Email: [chadwickcenter@chsd.org](mailto:chadwickcenter@chsd.org)  
URL: <http://www.charityadvantage.com/chadwickcenter>

The Chadwick Center's mission is to protect children and strengthen families through prevention, treatment, education, public policy, advocacy, and research in the areas of child maltreatment and family violence. The Center uses a multidisciplinary, family-centered approach.

**Child Abuse Prevention Network**

Email: [tom@child-abuse.com](mailto:tom@child-abuse.com)

URL: <http://child-abuse.com/capn.shtml>

The Child Abuse Prevention Network, originally launched as an outreach effort of the Family Life Development Center at Cornell University, is sponsored by LifeNET, Inc. Through the World Wide Web, the Network provides professionals with online tools and support for the identification, investigation, treatment, adjudication, and prevention of child abuse and neglect.

**Childhelp USA**

15757 North 78th Street

Scottsdale, AZ, 85260

Phone: (480) 922-8212

Fax: (480) 922-7061

TDD: (800) 2-A-CHILD

Toll-Free: (800) 4-A-CHILD

URL: <http://www.childhelpusa.org>

Childhelp USA is dedicated to meeting the physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs of abused and neglected children by focusing its efforts and resources in the areas of treatment, prevention, and research. Its programs and services include the operation of the Childhelp USA National Child Abuse Hotline, residential treatment facilities for severely abused children, child advocacy centers that reduce the trauma of child abuse victims during the interview and examination process, group homes, foster family selection, training and certification, Head Start programs for at-risk children, child abuse prevention programs, and community outreach.

**Children's Bureau (CB)**

330 C Street SW

Washington, DC, 20447

URL: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/>

The Children's Bureau, the oldest Federal agency for children and families, is located within the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families. The Bureau is responsible for assisting States in the delivery of child welfare services designed to protect children and to strengthen families. The Bureau provides grants to States, Tribes, and communities to operate a range of child welfare services including child protective services, family preservation and support, foster care, adoption, and independent living.

**Children's Defense Fund (CDF)**

National Headquarters

25 E Street NW

Washington, DC, 20001

Phone: (202) 628-8787

Email: [cdinfo@childrensdefense.org](mailto:cdinfo@childrensdefense.org)

URL: <http://www.childrensdefense.org>

The Children's Defense Fund focuses on key issues affecting the well-being of children by helping develop, implement, and monitor State and Federal policies. CDF gathers and disseminates data on children, promotes public education, provides technical assistance to State and local child advocates, and pursues an annual Federal legislative agenda.

**Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education (CMFCE)**

5310 Belt Road NW

Washington, DC, 20015-1961

Phone: (202) 362-3332

Email: [Diane@smartmarriages.com](mailto:Diane@smartmarriages.com)

URL: <http://www.smartmarriages.com/>

CMFCE is an interest group whose members believe that family breakdown can be reduced through education and information. Its goals are to provide all interested people with information regarding ongoing developments in marriage and family education, promoting awareness of the effectiveness of the education process, and to increase the availability of courses and programs in communities nationwide.

**Darkness to Light**

247 Meeting Street

Charleston, SC, 29401

Phone: (843) 965-5444

Fax: (843) 965-5449

Toll-Free: 1-866- FOR-LIGHT (1-866-367-5444)

URL: <http://www.darkness2light.org/>

Darkness to Light is a primary prevention program whose mission is to engage adults in the prevention of child sexual abuse; to reduce the incidence of child sexual abuse nationally through education and public awareness aimed at adults; and to provide adults with information to recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

**Family Life Development Center (FLDC)**

Cornell University  
Martha Van Rensselaer Hall  
Ithaca, NY, 14853-4401  
Phone: (607) 255-7794  
Fax: (607) 255-8562  
URL: <http://www.human.cornell.edu/centers/fldc/>

The mission of the Family Life Development Center is to improve professional and public efforts to understand and act upon risk and protective factors in the lives of children, youth, families, and communities that affect family strengths, child well-being, and youth development. The FLDC accomplishes its mission through research, training, outreach, education, and program development and implementation. Current areas of special interest include childhood violence prevention and evaluation of programs designed to prevent abuse and neglect. The FLDC operates the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN), which promotes scholarly exchange among researchers and makes original data available for secondary analysis.

**Freddie Mac Foundation**

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Mailstop A40  
McLean, VA, 22102  
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URL: <http://www.freddiemacfoundation.org>

The Freddie Mac Foundation provides funds for various nonprofit organizations that work on behalf of children, youth, and families. The Foundation focuses on children and prevention-oriented programs. Typically, grants are awarded to programs that build strong families, prevent child abuse and neglect, and recruit foster and adoptive parents. Among the Foundation's major programs are Healthy Families America and Wednesday's Child USA, a campaign to promote adoptions.

**General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC)**

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Washington, DC, 20036-2990  
Phone: (202) 347-3168  
Fax: (202) 835-0246  
Toll-Free: (800) 443-4392  
Email: [gfwc@gfwc.org](mailto:gfwc@gfwc.org)  
URL: <http://www.gfwc.org/>

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is the world's largest and oldest women's volunteer organization. GFWC's members include business owners, teachers, elected officials, homemakers, corporate executives, college students, and retirees. The organization's members are united by dedication to community improvement through volunteer service. GFWC advocates for conservation, quality education, health, civic awareness, safety, and crime prevention. The Federation's Advocates for Children Program is a referral and networking resource for Club members interested in assisting children. The program focuses on advocacy on behalf of children, prevention, and on improving public awareness of the importance of early intervention.

**Institute for Family Development**

Main Office and Training Division  
34004 16th Avenue South  
Suite 200  
Federal Way, WA, 98003-8903  
Phone: (253) 874-3630  
Phone: (253) 927-1550  
Fax: (253) 838-1670  
URL: <http://www.institutefamily.org>

The Institute for Family Development (formerly the Behavioral Sciences Institute) is a private, nonprofit agency founded to develop innovative and cost-effective solutions to the growing problems of child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, and family conflict. The Institute's mission is to improve the lives of children, youth, and families through community-based services and supports. Families are served in their own homes and neighborhoods, 24 hours a day. The HOMEBUILDERS program, an intensive, in-home family counseling and skill-building program, is the oldest and best-documented family preservation program in the United States.

**International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN)**

25 West 560 Geneva Road  
Suite L2C  
Carol Stream, IL, 60188  
Phone: (630) 221-1311  
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Email: [ISPCAN@ispcan.org](mailto:ISPCAN@ispcan.org)  
URL: <http://www.ispcan.org>

The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, founded in 1977, is the only multidisciplinary international organization that brings together a global cross-section of committed professionals to work towards the prevention and treatment of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation. ISPCAN's mission is to prevent cruelty to children in every nation, in every form: physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, street children, child fatalities, child prostitution, children of war, emotional abuse, and child labor. ISPCAN is committed to increasing public awareness of all forms of violence against children, developing activities to prevent such violence, and promoting the rights of children in all regions of the world.

**Military Family Resource Center (MFRC)**

CS4, Suite 302, Room 309  
1745 Jefferson Davis Hwy  
Arlington, VA, 22202-3424  
Phone: (703) 602-4964  
Phone: 332-4964  
Phone: (202) 628-8787  
Fax: (703) 602-0189  
Fax: 332-0189  
Email: [mfrcrequest@caliber.com](mailto:mfrcrequest@caliber.com)  
URL: <http://www.mfrc-dodqol.org/>

The Military Family Resource Center is a resource for military members and their families, professionals, and policy makers. MFRC offers publications and resource referrals for information on the military lifestyle and quality of life issues for single and married service members and their families. MFRC also provides information on quality of life policies, the latest research initiatives, and model programs.

**National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds (ACT)**

Department of Psychology  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, MI, 48824-1117  
Phone: (517) 432-5096  
Fax: (517) 432-2476  
Email: [alliance@psy.msu.edu](mailto:alliance@psy.msu.edu)  
URL: <http://www.msu.edu/user/millsda>  
Local Contacts:  
<http://www.msu.edu/user/millsda/states.html>

The mission of the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds is to build and maintain a system of services, laws, practices, and attitudes that prevents child abuse and neglect. The Alliance assists Children's Trust and Prevention Funds at the State and national levels.

**National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)**

Charles B. Wang International Children's Building  
699 Prince Street  
Alexandria, VA, 22314-3175  
Phone: (703) 274-3900  
Fax: (703) 274-2200  
Toll-Free: (800) THE-LOST  
URL: <http://www.missingkids.com>

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children provides assistance to parents, children, law enforcement, schools, and the community in recovering missing children and raising public awareness about ways to help prevent child abduction, molestation, and sexual exploitation. The Center sponsors the CyberTipLine for online reporting of the sexual exploitation or molesting of children. One special program offered by the Center is the NetSmartz Workshops, for teaching Internet safety.

**National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC)**

Administrative Offices  
210 Pratt Avenue  
Huntsville, AL, 35801  
Phone: (256) 533-0531  
Fax: (256) 534-6883  
Email: [webmaster@ncac-hsv.org](mailto:webmaster@ncac-hsv.org)  
URL: <http://www.ncac-hsv.org/>

The National Children's Advocacy Center provides prevention, intervention, and treatment services to physically and sexually abused children and their families with a child-focused team approach. NCAC also operates the Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center, which provides education and training to support the development of Children's Advocacy Centers nationwide.

**National Children's Alliance (NCA)**

1612 K Street NW  
Suite 500  
Washington, DC, 20006  
Phone: (202) 452-6001  
Toll-Free: (800) 239-9950  
Email: [info@nca-online.org](mailto:info@nca-online.org)  
URL: <http://www.nca-online.org>

The National Children's Alliance is a nonprofit membership organization that provides training, technical assistance, and networking opportunities to communities seeking to plan, establish, and improve Children's Advocacy Centers. These Centers further the goal of serving abused children through a comprehensive approach to services for victims and their families.

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Toll-Free: (800) FYI-3366  
Email: [nccanch@caliber.com](mailto:nccanch@caliber.com)  
URL: <http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov>

The National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information, a service of the Children's Bureau, helps professionals locate information on child abuse and neglect and related child welfare issues. Among its resources, the Clearinghouse offers a bibliographic database of child maltreatment and related child welfare materials, summaries of State laws concerned with child abuse and neglect and child welfare, fact sheets, resource lists, bulletins, and other publications. Jointly with the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse (NAIC), the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information publishes the Children's Bureau Express, an online digest of news and resources for professionals concerned with child maltreatment, child welfare, and adoption.

**National Council on Child Abuse and Family Violence (NCCAFV)**

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Suite 1012  
Washington, DC, 20036  
Phone: (202) 429-6695  
Fax: (831) 655-3930  
TTY: (800) 787-3244  
Toll-Free: (800) 799-7233  
Email: [info@nccafv.org](mailto:info@nccafv.org)  
URL: <http://www.nccafv.org>

The National Council on Child Abuse and Family Violence is a nonprofit organization serving as a private sector response to the problems of child, spousal, and elderly abuse. The Council's primary purpose is to strengthen, professionally and practically, community child abuse and family violence prevention and treatment programs nationwide. A broad range of activities is included in the Council's three major program areas: public awareness and education, professional development, and organizational development.

**National Exchange Club Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse**

3050 Central Avenue  
Toledo, OH, 43606  
Phone: (419) 535-3232  
Fax: (419) 535-1989  
Toll-Free: (800) 924-2643  
Email: [info@preventchildabuse.com](mailto:info@preventchildabuse.com)  
URL: <http://www.preventchildabuse.com>  
Local Contacts:  
<http://www.preventchildabuse.com/usamap.htm>

The National Exchange Club Foundation focuses on improving the lives of children and families through the prevention of child abuse. The NECF coordinates a nationwide network of community-based Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Centers that offer a professionally supervised parent aide program to at-risk parents, with the goal of replacing traditional patterns of abusive behavior with effective skills for nonviolent parenting.

**National Resource Center for Community-Based Family Resource and Support Programs (FRIENDS)**

20 North Wacker Drive  
Suite 1100  
Chicago, IL, 60606  
Phone: (312) 338-0900  
Fax: (312) 338-1522  
Email: [svelazquez@familysupportamerica.org](mailto:svelazquez@familysupportamerica.org)  
URL: <http://www.friendsnrc.org>  
Local Contacts: <http://www.friendsnrc.org>

FRIENDS is the National Resource Center for the Community-Based Family Resource Services program (CBFRS). FRIENDS supports State efforts to create a statewide network of community-based, family-centered, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs. The goal is to strengthen families and lessen the occurrences of child abuse and neglect. FRIENDS (it stands for Family Resource Information, Education, and Network Development Services) offers a range of services to assist States, Tribal organizations, and local programs in developing community-based family resource programs and networks. FRIENDS is part of the Children's Bureau Training and Technical Assistance Network.

**Parents Anonymous, Inc.**

675 West Foothill Boulevard  
Suite 220  
Claremont, CA, 91711-3475  
Phone: (909) 621-6184  
Fax: (909) 625-6304  
Email: [parentsanonymous@parentsanonymous.org](mailto:parentsanonymous@parentsanonymous.org)  
URL: <http://www.parentsanonymous.org>

Parents Anonymous helps parents provide nurturing environments for their families. The organization is dedicated to strengthening families through strategies that promote mutual support and parental leadership. For State and local contacts, visit the Parents Anonymous Web site.

**Prevent Child Abuse America**

200 South Michigan Avenue  
17th Floor  
Chicago, IL, 60604-2404  
Phone: (312) 663-3520  
Fax: (312) 939-8962  
Email: [mailbox@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:mailbox@preventchildabuse.org)  
URL: <http://www.preventchildabuse.org/>  
Local Contacts:  
[http://www.preventchildabuse.org/get\\_local/index.html](http://www.preventchildabuse.org/get_local/index.html)

Prevent Child Abuse America is committed to promoting legislation, policies, and programs that help prevent child abuse and neglect, support healthy childhood development, and strengthen families. Working with chapters in 37 States and the District of Columbia, Prevent Child Abuse America provides leadership to promote and implement prevention efforts at the national and local levels.

**Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Through Dental Awareness (PANDA)**

Missouri Dental Association, Director of Administrative Services  
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3340 American Avenue  
Jefferson City, MO, 65109  
Phone: (573) 634-3436  
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URL: <http://www.modental.org/programs/3panda.html>

The Missouri coalition known as P.A.N.D.A (Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Through Dental Awareness) was created to address a lack of reporting by dental professionals of suspected child abuse and neglect. P.A.N.D.A's educational programs include a history of family violence in our society, clinical examples of confirmed child abuse and neglect, and discussions of legal liability issues involved in reporting child maltreatment. Programs now extend beyond dental audiences to include physicians, nurses, teachers, child care workers, and anyone interested in preventing family violence.

**Safer Society Foundation, Inc.**

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Brandon, VT, 05733-0340  
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The Safer Society Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit agency, is a national research, advocacy, and referral center on the prevention and treatment of sexual abuse. The Foundation provides training and consultation, research, sex offender treatment referrals, a computerized program network, and a resource library. It also publishes materials for the prevention and treatment of sexual abuse.

**Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Plus (SBS Prevention Plus)**

PO Box 205  
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Phone: (614) 836-8360  
Fax: (614) 836-8359  
Toll-Free: (800) 858-5222  
Email: [sbspp@aol.com](mailto:sbspp@aol.com)  
URL: <http://www.sbsplus.com>

Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Plus develops, studies, and distributes informational materials that discourage Shaken Baby Syndrome and other physical child abuse and promote positive parenting and child care.

**Stop It Now!**

P.O. Box 495  
Haydenville, MA, 01039  
Phone: (413) 268-3096  
Toll-Free: 1-888-PREVENT  
Email: [info@stopitnow.org](mailto:info@stopitnow.org)  
URL: <http://www.stopitnow.org>

Stop It Now! is a national, nonprofit working to prevent and ultimately eradicate child sexual abuse. Stop It Now! challenges adults to take action by calling on abusers, adults at risk to abuse, and their friends and family, to come forward, learn the warning signs, and seek help.